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Hot Off The Wire!

Moral Leadership Plans

Many MLO's have contacted me to get information on lesson plans for Moral Leadership Officers. Here are the steps for getting moral leadership lesson plans

1. Go to www.cap.gov
2. Click on "site map" from list on left.
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National Cadet Competition 6-9 July 2006 Results

Cadets from the New Hampshire Wing Drill Team represented the Northeast Region at the National Cadet Competition in Washington, DC. The Color Guard Team from New York also represented NER at the event. The competition was mainly held in the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center that is part of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Sixteen cadets from several squadrons made up the drill team. In addition six senior members accompanied the team as escorts. The team members had been practicing two or three times a week since the NER competition this past May. Competitions at the NCC were the same as for the region competition—volleyball, drill, mile run, quiz bowl, and written test. While the team did not win the national trophy they put on an impressive display in the drill. It was an excellent experience for the cadets and will give them an incentive to try to win the NER competition again next year so they can again compete in the NCC. The following cadets from New Hampshire were members of the drill team.

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The overall winners of the NCC were **Pacific Region** drill team, and **Southwest color guard**. Second place winners were **Southeast Region** drill team and **Middle East Region** color guard. Third place winners were **Great Lakes Region** drill team and **Southeast Region** color guard.

Maj Penny Hardy,
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In Memory of a Friend to Civil Air Patrol



A. Scott Crossfield
Oct 21, 1921-Apr 19, 2006



prayers are with him and his loved ones.

-Editor

One of our country's legendary "**space cowboys**", who test piloted rocket planes in the 1950's that cleared the way for the nation's space program has died. His 1960s-era single engine plane he still flew, dropped out of a dark north Georgia sky and crashed in a piney gully during a thunderstorm on April 19, 2006. He will be sadly missed by all of us. Our



Communications during a Disaster!

Technology Notes – CAP and Personal Emergency Communications

The CAP communications mission is to organize and maintain a reliable nationwide point-to-point, air-to-ground, and ground-mobile capability for use in search and rescue, civil defense, and disaster relief missions. It is also used to augment other existing communications services in the event of floods, fire, tornado, and similar natural disasters and to support the US Air Force Survival Recovery program.

CAP communicators have a great responsibility. They provide one of the most essential activities to civilization, communications. Without communicators, the Civil Air Patrol could not fulfill their "Missions for America" and the success of the CAP depends on the strength of its communications. CAP cadet and senior members get involved in CAP communications through their Squadron/Wing Communications Officer during CAP meetings, SAREX, and Encampments. CAP Seniors can also study for and earn a specialty rating in the Communications Field.

In our personal lives we do not have a CAP network to utilize, so we usually use wired telephones, cell phones, and data networks like the Internet to communicate to other people. During times of emergency, like last year's hurricanes, do you know which method to use that will get a message to someone that you are ok or need help? Typically wired telephones are the first to fail as well as wired data networks. Local law enforcement and other emergency services, like CAP, can be used when available. Cell phone coverage may be spotty and if you see some "bars" on your cell phone screen you may be able to communicate with it. Making a call with your cell phone in a disaster area is usually impossible because a telephone call requires that various equipment in different locations be available continuously and simultaneously. But you still have a secret weapon that you can use to communicate, text messaging.

Text messaging uses very little bandwidth and it is an "on demand" and "as bandwidth is available" service. You may not be able to use your cell phone to talk but you can almost always send a text message as long as your phone has at least sporadic cell phone service. Text messaging allows you to send a message even though you can't use the phone to talk. Messages can get through when a network is damaged or overloaded because they can wait and keep trying, then transmit the data quickly when a connection becomes available. You may want to learn how to use wireless email or short messages on your cell phones before a disaster. Clearly text messaging should be considered for future disaster communication.

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Northeast Region Cadet Competition

NEWPORT, RI -- The weekend of 20-21 May 2006, saw the Northeast Region Cadet Competition at the Quonset Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island. This year's Region Cadet Competition was under the command of **Col Craig Treadwell**, Region Cadet Programs Director, assisted by **Col Bryan Cooper**, **Lt Col Edwin Rabassa**, **Lt Col Mark Webster**, **Lt Col Michael Sperry**, **Lt Col John O'Grady**, and **Lt Col Constance O'Grady**, **Capt David Katz-Braunschweig**, **Capt Andre Ferland**, **1Lt Susan Hall**, **1Lt Lori Renzulla**, **1Lt Linda Johnson**, **C/2Lt Andrew Scalzo** from New York Wing and **S/M Donald Littlefield**. One drill team, the **New Hampshire Drill Team** was the only drill team to come. The Color Guard teams from Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Vermont competed to represent the Northeast Region the upcoming National Competition to be held in Washington, DC in July. Though the New Hampshire Wing Drill Team had no competition, they still had to be put through the paces in the In Ranks Inspection, Innovative Drill, Standard Drill, the Panel Bowl, Cadet Quiz Examination and the Mile Run to insure that they were ready for the National Competition.



"New Hampshire Drill Team ready for Inspection, Sir," according to Team Commander, Tim Brennan.

In the Mile Run, the Fleet Foot male cadet with a time of 5:52 was **C/2Lt Sebastian VanDintel**. The Fleet Foot female cadet was **C/2Lt Rebecca Branyan** with a time of 7:18. The highest score of the Written Examination was given to **C/A1C Adam Behr**. The New Hampshire Team Commander, **C/Lt Col Tim Brennan** accepted the Brig. General Edward Bailey Trophy plus the Northeast Region Guidon to carry through the National Competition. Assisting Brennan were **C/CMSgt Josh Akerberg**, **C/A1C Adam Behr**, **C/A1C Rebecca Behr**, **C/2Lt Rebecca Branyan**, **C/TSgt Brian Gosselin**, **C/SMSgt Matthew Laughton**,

C/SrAmn David Martin, **C/MSgt Nick Mercurio**, **C/2Lt Nick Nelson**, **C/CMSgt Michael Piazza**, **C/CMSgt Michael Piazza**, **C/SrAmn David Roche**, **C/2Lt Sabastian VanDintel**, and **C/MSgt Jessie Davies**. The Judges are looking for, placement of the insignia, completeness for uniform, equipment is complete, correct and correctly worn, grooming standards are followed, a military bearing, all in accordance to the National Rules of Engagement.

The Mile Run took place on the Nimitz Field Track in front of King Hall. The total time for a team will determine the rank order of the teams. "Female Times will be converted to male times by subtracting 1 1/2." (National Cadet Competition Rules of Engagement, paragraph 1-9e) The **New York Color Guard** took First Place overall in the competition with **C/SMSgt Phillip Giusti** serving as Team Commander. Others included **C/TSgt Eric Gomez**, **C/SrAmn Erin Jedlica**, who received the Female Fleet Foot Award with a time of 6:15; **C/SrAmn Brittany Martino** and **C/CMSgt David Smith**. New York garnished the 1st Place Written Examination and In Ranks Inspection; the Col Julius Goldman Award was given to the Team Commander.



**New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island.
"Ready, Set."**

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4) NER Cadet Competition

The Male Mile Run was won by Connecticut Team Commander, **C/CMSgt Matthew Brew** with a time of 5:22. Connecticut took First Place in the Mile Run. Members of the Color Guard were **C/SMSgt Nicholas Avias, C/CMSgt Jonathan Kinsky, C/MSgt Adam Martin, and C/SMSgt Chris Vogt**. Connecticut also won the Team Spirit Award. A smaller flag pole at the West end of Nimitz Field, in front of King Hall. The teams will be sequestered prior to participating in this event and may not leave until all teams have performed. The judges are looking for, report in accordance with the Rules of Engagement, raise the flag to half mast correctly, retrieve and correctly fold the flag, in an expeditious manner while rendering proper respect for the flag, while maintaining a military bearing.



The Connecticut Color Guard Team hoisting the flag.

The Pennsylvania Color Guard Team, under the command of **C/SMSgt Erik Williams**, assisted by **C/SSgt Paul Ryan, C/SMSgt Charles McGroarty, C/Amn Nick Mandell and C/Amn Peter Johnson**. The cadets from Pennsylvania took first place in the Outdoor Practical, the Indoor Practical and the Standard Drill. Report and exiting procedures are performed in accordance with the Rules of Engagement, the US flag remains in a position of honor, "a normal marching pace is maintained," drill and rifle movements are done correctly, smartly, smoothly, and in the order prescribed by the Rules of Engagement, the space between members stays the same, from the side the team maintains a straight line at all times, the entire field is used

by the team does not go out of bounds, no less than two and one half minutes are used (starting when the chief judge drops his salute), a military bearing is maintained.

Rhode Island Team Commander, **C/MSgt Elizabeth McNamara** was selected as the Outstanding Team Commander. Her team consisted of **C/A1C Luke Perry, C/A1C Nathan Gendron, C/CMSgt Devon Phelan and C/SSgt Ben Russell**. The Vermont Color Guard team was commanded by **C/SMSgt Jeffrey Wood**, with **C/SrAmn Matt Albright, C/SMSgt Kale Auger, C/A1C Tyler Duczeminski and C/SSgt Roy Burdock** assisting the commander. The Panel Quiz teams will be sequestered prior to participating in this event and may not leave until all teams have performed. Toss Up questions test rapid recall and only the person buzzing in may answer. A correct answer gains ten points, a wrong answer loses the points. Bonus questions test more in-depth knowledge. If the first team to attempt a toss up question and give a correct answer is eligible for a five point bonus question. The team has 10 seconds to confer and no points are lost if an incorrect answer is given. Questions are taken from CAP aerospace manuals and aerospace current events. Teams are rand ordered based upon the number of rounds won.



Connecticut and Pennsylvania cadets prepare for a Quiz.



Massachusetts Color Guard retrieving the colors.

The Massachusetts Color Guard team was under the command of **C/SSgt Kolbe Wolfe**. Assisting him were **C/Amn Michael Ramos, C/CMSgt Brian Russo, C/SSgt Dan Tulley and C/Amn Nick Yandell**.
Lt Col Constance O'Grady
NER PAA



Photos by Lt Col's Constance & John O'Grady

Massachusetts teachers go up...up... and away!

On April 8th and 9th, twenty Massachusetts school teachers, gathered at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts, for an intensive two day program centered on the subject of flight. The teachers represented a cross section of grades, from elementary up to an Asst. Principal.

Five major theories of flight were covered, followed by a variety of hands-on activities. The goal of this program, sponsored through the Massachusetts Wing, Civil Air Patrol, is to introduce



educators to a full day of curriculum that centers on space and aviation technology and a second day of actual flight experience with Civil Air Patrol pilots. None of the twenty teachers had ever experienced flying an aircraft before.

Coordinated by Director of Aerospace Education, Captain Lois Libenson, the first-day curriculum subjects were instructed by 1Lt. Lauren Kessler, Captain Roger Hourin, both staff members of Civil Air Patrol,

and Dr. Jay Bookbinder, Senior Astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. On hand to welcome the teachers were the Massachusetts Wing Commander, Col David Belcher, CAP, and Col Nicholas Zelles, USAF, Asst. to the Commander, Hanscom AFB.

The second day's activities began with the arrival of seven CAP aircraft, including MAWG's newest aircraft, the G1000. After a brief tour of the new ATC tower, the teachers were introduced to their pilots, drawn from both area squadrons and MAWG Hq. A wonderful day for flying was provided by Mother Nature and all the teachers were treated to several hours of air time.

The excitement and enthusiasm for the program was evident. Among some of the typical responses from the participants were;

"I found this workshop engaging, well-planned, and inspiring."

"The opportunity that was given to me was unbelievable!"

"I can't wait to bring what I learned back into my classroom."

"Thank you very much for making this possible for teachers!"

"It made me proud to be a teacher!"

"I loved it! The workshop was very well organized, and the speakers, extremely informative."

At the end of the two-day session, all the participants were awarded a certificate of accomplishment, showing their completion of this new and exciting program.

Maj Bill Duffey, MAWG PAO

Mass Wing cadets honor colors at Boston Red Sox game.



On Friday, May 6th, five cadet members of the Massachusetts Wing appeared at the Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles baseball game, having been selected to present the colors during the opening ceremony. The four cadets stood tall as they paraded onto the grounds of the venerable old ball park and proudly displayed our nation's colors during the playing of the National Anthem. Representing the Civil Air Patrol at the event were Cadets Charles McNeil, Henry Esteban, Steven Cherubino and Brian Lounsbury. Not appearing on the field, but serving as an alternate was Cadet Brian Roach. All of the cadets are currently members of the Hanscom Composite Squadron, located on Hanscom AFB in Bedford, Ma. Accompanying the cadets were their DCC, 2Lt Karen Lounsbury, 2Lt Christine Cherubino and SM Janet Blair.

Maj Bill Duffey, MAWG PAO

CAP Chaplain Staff College Celebrates 20 Years

The chaplain staff college is a week-long course designed to update the chaplains and moral leadership officers in the area of instruction, leadership, Department of Defense guidelines, Emergency Services, Homeland Security and CISM. This annual college prepares the clergy as they minister to the 57,000 volunteers, senior members and cadets, on a weekly basis. "The staff college is equipping the chaplain service for emergency ministry. It is of importance that the chaplain be trained so that the ministry of presence that the service emanates goes beyond the walls of our church, squadrons but also the fields and the air wherever our CAP members operate," says Northeast region chaplain, Van Don Williams. "I have seen the progress and professionalism of our chaplains as a result of attending the staff colleges. One example was the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) taught to us just before Sept. 11, 2001," Col. Barbara Williams says. "We as chaplains of all faiths were prepared to assist and counsel the members of CAP, our churches and community through this great tragedy." Chaplain LTC William Smalley was the first director of the chaplain staff college and shared his thoughts on the birth of the college with other chaplains in 1991. "The NER CSC was created to provide the chaplains with a course of study and training designed with their special needs in mind. It was also designed to take advantage of their professional education and experience—to build on this in such a way as to better equip them for service in ministry in CAP." "We are celebrating in the Northeast Region the Chaplain Staff College existence for 20 years. We are honored to still have the original registrar of the college, LTC Barbara Williams. She is the only woman chaplain to be honored with the national senior chaplain of the year award," says the NER Chaplain, LTC Van Don Williams. "I'm proud to be in the company of the only 3 other region chaplains to be head of the staff college." The other region chaplains were LTCs William Smalley, Louis Bier, and George Kelly. The NER Chaplain, Lt Col Van Don Williams decided that this years Staff College would emphasize Emergency Service Requirements for Mission Chaplains. Fifteen relatively new Chaplains and MLO finished all their requirement during the week including getting their ROA's, taking the ES 116 Parts I & II questionnaire on line. Other subject matter included classes dealing such topics as military funerals, prayer in a pluralistic setting, grief counseling, uniform wear and inspection, customs and courtesies, cadet encampments, and CISM. A special thanks and appreciation is expressed to Wing Commander, Col. Augustine Comella, who provided the attendees with a briefing regarding National Board trends and as well as presenting the new video featuring Col. R. Greenhut regarding CAP's Homeland Defense Response capability. Col. Comella provided an unexpected treat of arranging for National CAP Commander, Major General Antonio J. Pineda, to address the staff college by cell phone using the speaker mode. These were historic moments because not only was this our twentieth year, but never before had a Wing Commander addressed our NER staff college as an instructor and we are safe in claiming that never before had a National Commander addressed a region chaplain staff college either in person or by cell phone. Late in the day Thursday, after many hours of classroom instruction and testing since the week began, Gen. Pineda's message of encouragement and support of the chaplain program lifted the spirits of all and was a perfect close of the formal classroom activities and lead into the evening's joyous closing award's banquet at the Naval O' Club.

MLO 1 LT Van Dora Williams, PAO, MER -CAP



Pennsylvania Wing HQ

"I truly believe that Civil Air Patrol had a great deal of influence on the positive future goals of my daughters, Maria and Gabrielle," said Denise Quatse, mother of these talented sisters.

Maria and Gabrielle Quatse have been members of Squadron 304, Lancaster, PA since April 2002. Both girls have received the Billy Mitchell and the Amelia Earhart awards and each earned the rank of Cadet Captains.



Gabrielle, pictured top left, was accepted into the Naval Summer Seminar Academy during her senior year in high school. After extensive and competitive interviewing, Gabrielle was dually nominated by Congressman Joseph Pitts (16th district) for acceptance to both the US Naval Academy and US Military Academy at West Point. She also received the nomination for the US Military Academy at West Point by Senator Arlen Specter. She received appointments to both but chose the Military Academy at West Point and plans to major in the field of engineering. (Out of 13,000 applications, 4,000 are nominated and only 1,200 are admitted. Out of the 1,200, 194 are women.)



Maria Quatse, pictured on the bottom left, has been working to obtaining her private pilot's license. She was the recipient of two Group 2 powered flight scholarships and a scholarship from a local Aero Club, Experimental Aviation Association (Vintage Aero Club) stationed at Smoketown Airport. Maria is currently a freshman at Temple University in Philadelphia where she is majoring in English. She was the recipient of Type 7 Scholarship for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, (ROTC), and a fully paid scholarship for Temple University. She is a ROTC Cadet in Detachment 750 at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Her goals include competing for a pilot slot in the United States Air Force where she is hoping to make the military a career.

We congratulate the Quatse sisters on their accomplishments and future goals.

**Linda A. Irwin, 1Lt CAP
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Editorial

"He Has Earned His Turn"

I was in a discussion about selecting a commander a while back when the often used expression, "He has earned his turn" was voiced. It produced an immediate and strong reaction because it has often been said about people who have stuck out membership on a staff longer than anybody else. Seat time should not be the criteria for command, or a diploma, or an award. It is the criteria for nothing but a soar butt.

When the wide-eyed officer stopped looking like a deer in the headlights he went on to say the nominee had earned his turn through superior staff work, serving admirably in varied staff positions, demonstrating leadership, being reliable, working independently, communicating clearly, had sacrificed for the unit, been loyal to the organization and its people when times were hard for him and them. He had done that for more than 10 years. The nominee was selected for command. Not for how long he had been in the chair, but what he did while in it.

We often talk about who gets command or awards. We occasionally talk about the criteria for command and awards. We hardly ever think about the precise meaning of the words we use in these discussions. Experience and longevity is not the same thing. Experience is and event from which you learn and or grow. Longevity is surviving a series of events without change.

I think you can guess where I stand on "earning" your turn. But let me ask you this: what does it mean to "serve" in a staff position?

The story below was sent to me by Lt Col. Kevin Stuart of VTW in July of 02.

Col Bryan Cooper, NER



CAP - BAY

Where Shopping is always Free



Squadron Commanders, Supply Officers and Logistic Officers this area is for you to consider. In every squadron throughout the Region, we have items that are not used in the squadron. Something my squadron has and is not being used might be just what another squadron is looking for. This is an area of the newsletter that may be of some help. Send us the item or items your squadron needs and maybe another squadron has those extra items they can trade you. Send all requests and information to dwmurray1@verizon.net and I will include it in the next issue of "Northeaster." This is not a classified area so do not send items you are selling, only items you are willing to trade or get out of your inventory. Example advertisements are below.

Maj Dennis Murray, Editor

Field Jackets (all sizes) Wanted for Winter Missions. Contact Capt Judy Murray LO, St Croix Composite Squadron. 207-427-3421 or ladydowneast@verizon.net Tell me what you are looking for and let's see if we can trade.

Medium BDU's. We have large and small. Contact Capt Judy Murray LO, St Croix Composite Squadron. 207-427-3421 or ladydowneast@verizon.net Tell me what you are looking for and let's see if we can trade.

Tent to sleep 20-25 or several smaller tents. Contact Capt Judy Murray LO, St Croix Composite Squadron. 207-427-3421 or ladydowneast@verizon.net Tell me what you are looking for and let's see if we can trade.

Camping Pots & pans. Contact Capt Judy Murray LO, St Croix Composite Squadron. 207-427-3421 or ladydowneast@verizon.net Tell me what you are looking for and let's see if we can trade.

School Nurse has written the info below. -- good enough to share -- ????????

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and in Kentucky, that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

I have not tried this method but have been told it works by many people. –Editor

The above information was taken from the Internet and sent to many people. Must be true as you read it here. **Not so** if you go to: <http://www.snopes.com/oldwives/tick.asp>. If you visit this site you will find out that the information supplied is false. My editor's statement is true as many people have told me it works, not by trying it but having read it in an email or heard about it from their grandmas. If not explained in this column, I would just be helping to pass on wrong information. It is very easy to be misled in emails or by information that is on the Internet or even by repeating information that you have heard or read but have not checked it out for yourself. The Internet can be a great source of information but you must check it out to see if what you are reading is true or not. This applies to everything you do in life. Get the facts before you make up your mind about doing something. Do not let people mislead you wherever possible. **Check it out!**

Editor

(The above site also tells you how to remove ticks the right Way)

Unusual Missions for America

With all of the missions CAP performs for America, sometimes we “Fit” in a different way. The blow mission is ongoing and will continue as new ships are built in Maine. With the success of these missions, we may be able to perform them in different parts of the country. The old saying “Success breeds success” is true in this case. –Editor

MAINE WING RECONNAISSANCE ESCORT MISSIONS FOR USN FRIGATES

For the past year the Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol along with the Army National Guard and US Coast Guard has been providing reconnaissance for US Navy Frigates during their movement along the Kennebec River between the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine and the Atlantic Ocean. This has been an on going mission covering both sea trials and the final sail-away of vessels every 3 to 4 months throughout the year.

The objective of the mission is to prevent any unknown vessel from entering the USN frigate’s 300-yard security zone. The Maine Wing CAP C-182 aircrew works in concert with an Army National Guard OH-58 to alert the USN security boats and USCG of any threat. The MEWG aircraft provides the high view and the ANG helicopter provides the low close view. When the MEWG aircraft spots a potential threat, the MEWG aircrew informs the ANG crew, who immediately investigate. When the sighting is considered a potential threat, two USN security boats then speed to the target to take appropriate action.

Each mission begins with one Maine Wing CAP aircraft flying photoreconnaissance along the route of the vessel. On the day of the mission, this baseline photography is used by a Navy intelligence officer aboard the Maine Wing mobile communications vehicle (MCV) to ascertain any threat by comparing these images with those sent to the MCV by the CAP aircraft’s Slow-Scan system.

To enable common identification of areas along the route of the vessels, Maine Wing created a simple grid chart, which has been adopted by all the agencies involved and is carried by the USN frigate, the ANG OH-58, the USN security boats and the US Coast Guard vessels. The baseline photography is directly linked to the same chart so the Slow-Scan images can be identified by grid reference and immediately compared.

These missions are run in support of the US Navy’s Ship Building Supervision arm known as SUPSHIP. They came about when a CAP member (a former naval officer) was at a navy dinner and the question of vessel security during transit of the narrow Kennebec River was under discussion. The CAP member suggested aerial reconnaissance by Maine Wing CAP aircraft. This suggestion then went directly to the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard who immediately approved the idea. The missions to date using Maine Wing CAP aircraft and MCV have been so successful that Robert Russell the Security/Anti-terrorism Officer for the USN Supervisor of Shipbuilding stated: **“I’m so impressed with the professionalism of the Civil Air Patrol in assisting SUPSHIP, I’m recommending their use to SUPSHIP offices around the country.”**

Each mission generates 6 to 10 flight hours and requires a 3 man aircrew for the primary aircraft, another 3 man aircrew standing by with a back-up aircraft, 3 communications specialist to run the MCV and the mission director personnel. In total 10 volunteers give their time throughout each mission and when the vessel is leaving for sea-trials with a return 3 days later that number climbs to 15. These missions are all Air Force approved and are reimbursed through the Military Interagency Purchase Request system (MIPR’s).

Maj Dennis Murray, PA
Maine Wing, CAP



A U.S. Navy Frigate makes it way from Bath, Maine to the Atlantic Ocean under the watchful eyes of Civil Air Patrol Volunteers.

Maine Wing Change of Command

Cape Man Takes Command of Maine Wing Air Force Auxiliary

On April 22nd, 2006 the Maine Wing of the US Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol held a “Change-of-Command” ceremony at the Sheraton Hotel at Bangor International Airport. The ceremony marked the moment Colonel Mitchell Sammons of Waterville handed over command of the Wing to Colonel Christopher Hayden of Cape Elizabeth. After the ceremony, Colonel Hayden stated that thanks to the superb leadership of Colonel Sammons over the past four years the Wing is in such good shape there is only one direction to take and that is “onward and upward”.

Colonel Hayden is the first new Wing Commander from Cape Elizabeth since the position was held by **Lieutenant Colonel Guy P Gannett** from 1942 until 1955. Gannett was one of the three original founders of the Civil Air Patrol and was the founder and owner of the Portland Press Herald and WGME-TV in Portland. By coincidence, Colonel Hayden is also in the media business and is the founder and owner of Millennium Television, a documentary production company originally based in California.

Throughout the period of Lt Col Gannett’s command, the Maine Wing Headquarters was based at Fort William, Cape Elizabeth. During the period 1942-1943 the newly formed Civil Air Patrol squadrons based in Port-



Col Chris Hayden accepts the Maine Wing Flag as a symbol of Command from the Region Commander, Col Robert Diduch as former Commander Col Mitch Sammons looks on.

land and Trenton, Maine held back the German attacks on allied shipping by searching out and destroying their submarines off the coast of Maine. Thereafter the local squadrons provided the Department of Defense with pilot training and aircrew screening, anti-aircraft searchlight and gunnery aerial target towing, transportation, communications and search and rescue. Following the end of the war, the United States Congress honored the Civil Air Patrol by making the organization a Congressionally Chartered Corporation with three missions: emergency services, aerospace education and the air cadet program. Then in 1948, with the formation of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol was officially designated the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

Today the Maine Wing Headquarters is located at Camp Keyes in Augusta. The 450 volunteers of Maine Wing’s nine squadrons operate eight aircraft and provide the State and Federal Government with homeland security, disaster relief, search and rescue and counter drug support missions. Over the past year the Wing has flown escort for frigates heading for sea trials out of BIW, anti-terrorist reconnaissance flight long the borders and search and rescue missions looking for overdue aircraft and missing personnel. The Maine Wing Air Cadet Program turns out high end candidates for the military academies each year and provides a flow of candidates heading for careers in the aerospace and airline industries. This year some thirty

Maine Wing cadets are heading for Scotland for two weeks as the guests of the Royal Air Force’s air cadet program the Air Training Corps. Last year the Scottish cadets were guests of the Maine Wing cadets at their annual encampment at Bangor Air National Guard Base.

Maj Dennis Murray, PA
Maine Wing, Civil Air Patrol



During Maine Wing Encampment, twenty three cadets and five senior members were guests of **Lt Col Andrew Marshall**, Aircraft Commander, **Lt Col Brent Stewart**, Co Pilot, **MSgt Ed Seymour** and **MSgt Fergus Kenny**, Boom Operators on a KC 135 flight to Canada where we refueled an English AWAK jet. Thank you to the MAINEiacs and the Air National Guard for inviting us along.

Maj Dennis Murray, MEWG PAO

Colors, Song and Safety-Praise Open NYW Conference

By 1st Lt. Bob Stronach

OWEGO, NY – New York Wing



William Eberst, State Director-CAP/USAF Liaison

color guard champs from South Eastern Group presented the colors to officially open the 2006 Wing Conference April 29 at the Owego-Treadway Inn. **Cadet Jessica Andreu** sang the national anthem; **Deputy Wing Chaplain (Capt.) Leroy Woods** gave the invocation, and then a number of guests made remarks before outgoing wing commander **Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr.** gave his State of the Wing address and announced a number of awards. "CAP is kind of the little brother to the Air Force, but with grown-up toys," noted **William Eberst**, State Director-CAP/USAF liaison, before commending Granville and the whole wing for its safety record. "I'm a firm believer that accidents are prevented by the processes that are put in place before the crews get to the airplane," he said. Safety "is the first line of defense." He attributed that success to Granville's leadership. "He's put a great staff around him...He listens to his staff, and lets his staff do their job." The Northeast Region commander, **Col. Robert Diduch**, announced that the region would be getting another Gipp-

sland GA-8 glass cockpit aircraft with the ARCHER imaging system, and that he would like to base it in a central location so it could be more easily available to all wings in the region. **Julie DeBardelaben**, deputy director of public affairs for national headquarters, gave a review of CAP activity nationally, highlighting the response to Hurricane Katrina. During the disaster relief, she noted, CAP volunteers logged over 2,000 flying hours resulting in 1,000 successful sorties and fielded 130-plus ground teams. Colonel Granville tackled the theme for the conference, "Changes and Challenges," noting: Whether it involves programs or regulations, "we're always changing," but "the success of our wing is in how we rise up to the challenge." A Wing Conference Cadet Fest featured a quiz competition and a team-building exercise that had teams of blindfolded cadets competing against one another while responding to barked directions. During the evening banquet, **State Sen. James L. Seward** praised wing members for being "ready at a moment's notice to conduct search and rescue," to be "involved in homeland security," and to mentor youth in cadet programs -- "and all as volunteers!" Seward, commander of CAP's New York Legislative Squadron, said he was working with the wing and the legislature to restore state funding for CAP. Granville announced that 1st Lt. Rory Holmes of Catskill Mountain Group was named Senior Member of the Year, and **C/Maj. Jonathan Lewczyk** of Western New York Group was named Cadet of the Year. Cadet NCO of the Year is **C/SMSgt. Matthew Pastore** of MidEastern Group.

Other awards were:

- Group of the Year: **Western NY Group.**
- Senior Chaplain of the Year: **Chaplain (Lt Col) Van Don Williams**, NYWg (now Northeast Region)
- Moral Leadership Officer of the Year: **2nd Lt Ann Migliaccio**, South Eastern Group.
- Cadet Program Officer of the Year: **1st Lt Rebecca Boyne**, Western New York Group.
- Most Cadet Orientation Flights: **Western New York Group**
- Wing Staff Officer of the Year: **Lt Col Roland Zavada**, NYWg



Outgoing New York Wing Commander Austyn W. Granville Jr. presented an Eagle trophy to New York State Sen. James L. Seward as a token of appreciation for being the Wing Conference banquet speaker.

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Cadets Marc Ghiron, Emily Wadsworth and Luke Nelson are all smiles after winning the Cadet Fest quiz competition at the New York Wing Conference.



Cadets attending the New York Wing Conference wore blindfolds in a Cadet Fest team-building exercise. The teams of blindfolded cadets competed against one another while responding to barked commands.

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- Communicator of the Year Award: **Capt. Gary Boyne**, Western New York Group.
 - Outstanding ES Program: **Long Island Group**.
 - Check Pilot of the Year: **Lt Col Edward Giampoli**, South Eastern Group.
 - Aerospace Education Officer of the Year: **Capt. Jacqueline Sturgess**, New York City Group.
 - Inspector of the Year: **Capt. Deborah Stearns**, Finger Lakes Group.
 - Public Affairs Officer of the Year: **1st Lt James Ridley**, Long Island Group.
 - Safety Officer of the Year: **Capt. Kenneth Smith**, South Central Group.
 - Counterdrug Officer of the Year: **Maj William Cox**, NYWg.
 - Legislative Officer of the Year: **Capt. Andrew Liddle**, NYWg.
 - Historian Officer of the Year: **Maj Peter Turecek**, NYWg.
 - Squadron of Distinction: **Condor Composite Squadron**.
 - Conference Aerospace Display: **Long Island Group**.
- (All Photos by 1Lt Rob Stronach)**

Civil Air Patrol, Rome Schools Launch One of NY's First Middle School Squadrons

By 1st Lt. **Bob Stronach**

ROME, NY -- The Civil Air Patrol and Rome City School District have launched one of the first Middle School Cadet Squadrons in New York State. The cadet squadron began meeting earlier this year at Strough Middle School, and already had 50 cadets signed up, Outgoing New York Wing Commander **Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr.** announced. And that was only the first wave, Principal **Ric Ripa** added. "We expect to have 120 cadets in the program." "This is a program with awesome potential," Granville said. "It helps instill in young people the character, motivation and skills to reach for their dreams." Central New York Group Commander **Maj. Thomas Carello** noted: "This is a great way to interest our young people in something more hands-on than TV or getting into things they shouldn't. It's a way to reinforce the values that teachers and parents want to see in their children." Ripa said his hope is to eventually integrate the CAP program into the school day so it becomes another class offering. "The school is very, very supportive, including providing bussing home for the students," said Squadron Commander **Jeffery Crippen**. The program, which began informally in March while awaiting its formal charter, "is designed to help students academically and socially," with character building, leadership skills and discipline, "and ultimately lead to better citizens," Crippen said. Other adult leaders include his wife, **Michelle**, a former CAP cadet who used to work in aerospace medicine with the Air Force; **Lloyd Barrigar**, a corrections officer and member of the Army National Guard; **Jennifer Davis**, parent coordinator at the school; **Samuel Healy**, a math teacher, and Air Force **Col. Fred Weiners**, who heads the JROTC program at the school district's high school, Rome Free Academy. Both Ripa and Crippen noted that Colonel Weiners was instrumental in getting the program off the ground. When Ripa approached Weiners with the idea of having JROTC cadets become mentors to his students, including some at-risk youth, the Colonel suggested starting a CAP cadet squadron. It would provide a structured program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders, plus expand leadership opportunities for JROTC students, who are now becoming dual CAP/JROTC cadets. With the adults overseeing the program, the "JROTC students are basically running it," said Ripa. There are already seven flights of cadets, he said, drawn from Strough and Staley Upper Elementary School. "I think it's a great program," he said. "I'm amazed at the response from the kids. We had some kids that weren't do-

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ing well academically and are now working their tails off to qualify to join.” For the first wave of cadet applications, the schools required a minimum grade of 80 in the four core subjects (math, science, English, Social Studies). Two more waves of applications were in the works, Ripa said, with a minimum grade of 75 required. Squadron Commander Crippen decided to get involved after his wife saw a notice in the school newsletter that the school was looking for volunteers to start a CAP squadron. “She told me numerous stories about her cadet experience. It was one of the most positive things she had done while in school.” That, combined with his military background and his desire to teach, made it seem like a perfect fit. Middle school squadrons are chartered under CAP’s anti-drug (DDR) program. Squadrons established on school campuses “are all doing a great job when it comes to drug demand reduction (DDR),” **Col. David Mikelson**, special advisor to the CAP national commander for DDR and CAP school programs, noted in the March-April 2006 issue of Civil Air Patrol Volunteer. **“CAP brings a discipline the teachers can’t. We get the kids in uniform and give them promotions. The peer pressure to succeed is strong, and it is positive peer pressure.”** Meetings incorporate DDR, aerospace education, character building and physical fitness. “Essentially it is the standard CAP cadet program, but modified a bit for school,” Mikelson said. Said Crippen: “It’s an exhilarating opportunity.”

Editorial

“He Has Earned His Turn”

I was in a discussion about selecting a commander a while back when the often used expression, “He has earned his turn” was voiced. It produced an immediate and strong reaction because it has often been said about people who have stuck out membership on a staff longer than anybody else. Seat time should not be the criteria for command, or a diploma, or an award. It is the criteria for nothing but a soar butt.

When the wide-eyed officer stopped looking like a deer in the headlights he went on to say the nominee had earned his turn through superior staff work, serving admirably in varied staff positions, demonstrating leadership, being reliable, working independently, communicating clearly, had sacrificed for the unit, been loyal to the organization and its people when times were hard for him and them. He had done that for more than 10 years. The nominee was selected for command. Not for how long he had been in the chair, but for what he did while in it.

We often talk about who gets command or awards. We occasionally talk about the criteria for command and awards. We hardly ever think about the precise meaning of the words we use in these discussions. Experience and longevity is not the same thing. Experience is an event from which you learn and or grow. Longevity is surviving a series of events without change.

I think you can guess where I stand on “earning” your turn. But let me ask you this: what does it mean to “serve” in a staff position?

Col Bryan Cooper

Director Of Professional Development, NER

CAP Van Mishap

When will a mishap happen to you? Think it will not happen? Think again! It was the 4th of July and the Squadron was returning from two parades where the cadets had marched. The fire works were cancelled because of fog so we were returning home earlier than previous years and dropping off cadets at their homes. The road we were traveling had a posted speed of 50 miles per hour but at times we were down to 25 and 30 because of the fog. We had just entered a valley where the fog had lifted and turned on the bright lights. Our visibility was a good mile ahead of us. Most of the cadets were sleeping or dozing in the back, when all of a sudden a male deer hit the side of the CAP Van. The buck had come running out of the woods and his head hit the right side of the hood and his body hit the bumper. We had

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neither cell phone coverage nor radio coverage to call anyone so after we checked on the deer, we continued on to where we had cell phone coverage. We reported the accident to the Sheriff's Department and because no one was hurt and the damage was estimated at under a thousand dollars, no report would be filed by the Department. Now comes the paperwork, pictures, claim forms, etc. During my 42 years as a licensed driver, I have dodged many animals including deer, moose, raccoons, rabbits, dogs, horses, cows, sheep, pedestrians and drunk drivers to name a few. When I traveled with W.R.Grace & Company, I covered nine states and spent five days a week on the road. During the year, I traveled over 100,000 miles. I have taken several driver safety courses over the years and consider myself a good driver. Over \$900.00 worth of damage from a frightened Buck took only 3 seconds to ruin my safe driving record. It can happen to you.

Maj Dennis Murray (Driver)

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Westover Cadets Participate in “Team Yankee” A Day (and a Night) to Remember

With area hospitals filled, the power grid sabotaged, highways closed, communications interrupted, and a state of emergency declared by the President, hundreds of wounded civilian and military personnel are lying on the tarmac or in hastily constructed shelters at Westover Air Reserve Base. Many of the casualties writhe in pain and moan in agony hoping for the emergency medical attention they so desperately need. As helicopters hover overhead, triage nurses and other medical personnel move quickly among the casualties providing what relief they can as the first of the C130 Hercules “medevac” aircraft rolls to a stop on the runway.



Cadet Stephanie Thomacos of Westover Composite Squadron, was among the “Walking Wounded” at Team Yankee.

Terrorist attack, natural disaster, civil unrest?

No — the scenario used in the joint military, DMAT, and Civil Air Patrol training exercise named “Team Yankee”. The “Team Yankee” Mass Casualty Incident Drill was held at the Westover Air Reserve Base on Saturday, 20 May 2006 from 0800 until 1800. “Team Yankee” is the largest joint service mass casualty drill on the East Coast. Participating were personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Air National Guard, along with civilian units from local hospitals, the DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team), the Massachusetts Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and various youth groups including the Westover Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol Cadets, the Westover Young Marines, and the Explorer Venture Scouts. The annual exercise is designed to test the readiness and capabilities of the 439th Air Wing, the Massachusetts DMAT, and Reserve components, as well as other organizations to respond to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) involving tactical situations, hazardous materials, and excessive patient loads. Though a drill, after Hurricane Katrina, a new focus on cooperation between civilian and military search, rescue and disaster relief agencies takes on greater importance. Evaluating and treating volunteer “casualties”, with moulaged applied to simulate specific injuries, provided the challenge facing triage nurses and other emergency medical responders. Medical personnel determined a priority of care, then “casualties” were transported to the proper medical facility. The “seriously injured” were transported to a C130 Hercules “medevac” aircraft assigned to the exercise. The Westover

Cadets and their Senior escorts played a very important role in the Team Yankee exercise. What follows is a description of some of the highlights of the mission. Cadets began to assemble at Squadron headquarters on Friday 19 May at 1700 hours. After an evening meal, dog tags were handed out and Captain Richard Werman, the CAP event coordinator, gave Cadet and Senior members a briefing on Saturday’s mission. At 2100 the Cadets marched in formation to the Base Hangar to bivouac for the evening. After fire watch duties were assigned, it was lights out at 2300 (although the lights never really went out!). Everyone (?) eventually settled in for a brief night’s sleep on the hangar’s concrete floor. Seniors were awakened at 0430, Cadets at 0500. After “breaking camp”, Cadets marched the two miles from the Base Hangar to the “Dog Patch” section of the base in time for a 0600 breakfast prepared by Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel. After breakfast, **Lt. Don Sargent** gave a safety briefing to all Cadets taking part in the day’s activities. As in any operation of this sort, there was the “usual hurry up and wait”, but by 0900 those Cadets who were to take part in the triage exercise began to report for moulaged application. Westover Cadets emerged from the moulaged tent proudly displaying their rather realistic and gruesome “wounds”. Over the course of the morning and afternoon the “wounded” were trucked to the triage area where DMAT and military medical personnel evaluated their status. Several of our cadets were among the “walking wounded” while others were far more “seriously injured” and spent

up to several hours on cots being assessed in the triage area. **Captain Werman** spent much of his busy day “on the move” working on the details and using his sense of humor to help resolve “red tape” issues to keep the day moving as smoothly as possible. Many of the Cadets who were not part of the moulaged/triage/flight experience had an opportunity to visit the Westover Fire and Rescue station arranged by CAP **Lt. Reginald Williams**. Air Force Reserve personnel on duty gave the Cadets, escorted by **Lt. Sandra Cassilly**, a complete tour of the facilities and equipment. After an MRE lunch, the CAP Cadets played the Young Marines in an impromptu football game. (The Young Marines claim to have won the game.) The highlight of the day were the two mission flights of the Hercules C130 “medevac” aircraft flown by the West Virginia Air National Guard. The “seriously wounded” were carried on stretchers by Air Force Reserve and DMAT personnel and “stacked” aboard the aircraft. Once the evacuation of the “wounded” was completed and all of the “injured” were secured on board, CAP members were taken on a brief flight over the Connecticut River Valley. The simulation continued upon landing as the wounded were brought into the Westover Base Hangar where Air Force Reserve personnel played the role as the receiving station for the evacuation flight. (Thanks to **Captain Don LaCharite** for using his powers of persuasion in getting those aboard the second flight a bus ride from the Base Hangar back to “Dog Patch”!) The C130 and the ANG helicopter were not the only ones flying at the exercise. A CAP flight crewed by Senior members **Major Walter Nelson**, **Captain Charles Cross**, and **Lt. Wyn Belorusk**y flew a mission over the simulated disaster area to document the “devastation” and assist with the coordination of relief and medical assistance. Everyone returned to the staging area for a 1730 evening meal prepared by Air Force and Reserve personnel. By 1800 the van began to transport the Westover Cadets back to Squadron Headquarters as the exercise came to an end. If you live in the greater Springfield area, you may have seen news coverage of the day’s activities highlighted on the Channel 40 and Channel 3 evening news! Thanks to the many Cadets who participated in the exercise. Thanks also to Senior members **Major Walter Nelson**, **Captain Charles Cross**, **Captain Don LaCharite**, **Lt. Wyn Belorusk**y, **Lt. Claire Belden**, **Lt. Sandy Cassilly**, **Lt. Don Sargent**, **Lt. Reginald Williams**, and **Lt. Lawrence Scherpa** (the author of this article) who took part in Team Yankee 2006. Special thanks to **Captain Richard Werman** who spent many hours in meetings with military planners in advance of the event, handled all of the logistics and paperwork for CAP participation, and coordinated CAP air and ground activities during the simulation.

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